



Message from CEO Charles B. McKenna

As I write this, the weather does not seem fall-like, yet the summer has come to an end and we are facing an El Nino winter. I am not sure whether this will be a good thing or a bad thing. What was a good thing was the amount of construction work that was accomplished over the summer and how well this Authority has managed such an enormous amount of progress.



From Bridgeton, to Paterson, Passaic, Newark, Elizabeth, Keansburg, Jersey City, Gloucester, Garfield, Irvington, Orange, Phillipsburg and elsewhere, schools are being built, added to and renovated, by the SDA and local districts assisted by grant money administered by the Authority. That we are doing so much is a testament to the hard work of all the people at the SDA, as well as the hard work of those with whom we partner in the cities in which we build, and in the districts for whom we build. Whether we work on existing buildings or build new ones, we rely heavily on the assistance and diligence of district superintendents and their staffs, as well as city officials to minimize quality of life disruptions.

As we move into the winter, the work will continue, albeit perhaps not at the frenetic pace of the summer. As the cold weather sets in, construction workers will brave the elements each day to continue the process of building schools that will provide the physical infrastructure for learning in the new millennium. So, to all of you who assist us in our mission to provide state-of-the-art learning facilities for New Jersey’s children, our (hard) hats are off to you. Keep up the good work. The mission is well worth the efforts.

Have a joyous holiday season and a happy, healthy and safe New Year.

Highlighting Construction Milestones

Throughout the school construction process, we celebrate various project milestones.

This fall, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno joined SDA CEO Charles McKenna, Passaic City School District leaders and students, and state and local officials to celebrate the [opening of the new Passaic Gifted and Talented Academy](#). The new school houses the District’s Magnet program with a focus on Academics, Performing Arts, Physical Education, and Visual Arts.



*Paterson School 16 Beam
Signing Ceremony*

Additionally, beam signing ceremonies were recently held for the new [School 16](#) in Paterson and the new [Gloucester City Middle School](#) in Gloucester City. At both ceremonies, students, teachers and officials celebrated the construction progress of the new building by signing a steel beam, forever leaving their mark on the new schools.



*Gloucester City Middle School Beam
Signing Ceremony*



*Passaic Gifted and Talented
Academy Ribbon Cutting*

Recent Project Activity

Since July 2015, the SDA has advertised and/or awarded contracts for the following projects:

Recent Advertisements

- Harrison – Harrison Elementary School, Early Site Package
- Irvington – Madison Avenue Elementary School, Early Site Package (Demolition)
- Keansburg – Port Monmouth Road School, Design Consultant
- Trenton – Trenton Central High School, Design-Build
- Vineland – New Middle School, Design-Build
- West New York – Harry L. Bain PS #6, Construction Management Services

Proposals Under Review

- Passaic City – Leonard Place Elementary School, Design-Build

Recent Contract Awards

- Burlington – Burlington City High School, HVAC Emergent Project
- Camden – Camden High School, Design Consultant
- Camden – Cramer Elementary School, Structural Repairs Emergent Project Design Consultant
- Elizabeth – New Elementary School, Construction Management Services
- Garfield – James Madison Elementary School No. 10, Construction Management Services
- New Brunswick – Paul Robeson Community School, Design-Build
- Newark – Chancellor Avenue School, Water Infiltration Emergent Project Design Consultant
- Newark – South Street Elementary School, Design Build
- Orange – Cleveland Elementary School, Design Consultant
- Paterson – Roberto Clemente Elementary School, HVAC and Boiler Emergent Project
- Trenton – Hegepeth-Williams School, Installation of Domestic Water Piping Emergent Project

The SDA Capital Portfolio

SDA continues designing, renovating and constructing a significant number of school facility projects throughout the State, both on-time and on-budget. These projects will provide many new seats needed to educate students across New Jersey.

Nearly all of the projects that were approved as part of the SDA Capital Portfolio since 2011 have advanced into construction or design activities, with four of those projects already complete. For information on the current status of the Capital Portfolio, please click [here](#).

Maintaining Our Schools Through the SDA Emergent Project Program

The SDA's Emergent Project Program allows for the repair and rehabilitation of SDA District facilities when approved by the New Jersey Department of Education due to potential health and safety issues. Emergent projects are underway in districts statewide including Paterson, Irvington, Bridgeton and Vineland.



Emergent Work at Vineland High School South

Over the summer, SDA CEO Charles McKenna joined local officials and district representatives to tour two ongoing emergent projects in Vineland and Irvington. The emergent project at Vineland High School South included improvements to the school’s HVAC system and components. The emergent project work at [Irvington High School](#) included a roof replacement and masonry repairs, as well as the replacement of the roof top HVAC units and associated control systems for the School Annex and Library.



Emergent Work at Irvington High School

For information on the current status of the Emergent Project Program, please click [here](#).

The Impact of ROD Grants Throughout the State

The ROD grant program impacts students around the state by providing at least 40 percent of eligible costs for projects addressing health and safety issues, student overcrowding and other critical needs.

Since the start of the Christie Administration in January 2010, the SDA has executed nearly 2,240 grants providing more than \$740 million to 392 local school districts and leveraging projects estimated to total \$1.7 billion. For a full listing of executed ROD Grant projects, click [here](#).

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